

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

### 2000-2001 NEW APPLICANT FACT SHEET

The Child Development Grant Program (Program) is administered by the California Student Aid Commission (Commission). The Program is designed for students who are attending California public or private, two-year or four-year, postsecondary educational institutions, and pursuing a permit to teach or supervise in the field of child care and development. The Commission grants awards for up to 100 new participants each academic year. Selected recipients attending a two-year postsecondary institution are eligible to receive up to **\$1,000** each academic year, and recipients attending a four-year university are eligible to receive up to **\$2,000** each academic year. The grant may be renewed for a **maximum** of one additional year if the recipient maintains: satisfactory academic progress, financial need, and intent to pursue the approved course of study leading to a Child Development Permit issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Grant recipients must agree to provide one full year of service in a licensed child care center for every year they receive grant funding.

#### WHO CAN APPLY

To meet eligibility requirements, an applicant must:

- ✓ Be a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen
- ✓ Be a legal resident of California
- ✓ Maintain at least half-time enrollment in a Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved course of study leading to a Child Development Permit.
- ✓ Maintain no less than half-time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress as defined by the postsecondary educational institution.
- ✓ Commit to maintaining one year of full-time employment, as defined by the employing agency, in a licensed child care center in California for each year grant assistance was received. Participants must annually provide the Commission with evidence of compliance.
- ✓ Meet federal Selective Service filing requirements.

#### HOW TO APPLY

To receive an application, contact your college campus (Financial Aid Office or Early Childhood Education/Child Development Department), or the:

**California Student Aid Commission**  
**Attn: Child Development Grant Program**  
**P.O. Box 419029**  
**Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029**  
**Phone: (916) 526-8250      FAX: (916) 526-7977**

- ✓ The campus program coordinator at an eligible postsecondary institution must nominate students.
- ✓ Campus coordinators must submit complete applications to the address above. A complete application includes a properly completed Program Application (G-200E).

#### SELECTION PROCESS

Each year, the Commission will select up to 100 new participants. The Commission shall select participants on the basis of their demonstrated financial need and academic achievement, which may include, but not be limited to, high school grade point average, college grade-point average, or academic test scores.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

All completed application materials must be received at the address above by **May 26, 2000**.

**NOTE:** *Incomplete applications or those submitted by ineligible students or after the deadline, will not be considered in the selection process.*

#### SCHOLAR SELECTION AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission will review all applications and notify recipients of their award status prior to commencement of the **fall term**. All recipients will be required to complete a Service Commitment Agreement prior to receiving a payment from the program. Grant funds will be prorated by academic term and disbursed through the postsecondary institution's financial aid office. Receipt of this grant may affect other financial aid awards.

For additional information, please contact the Commission's, Specialized Programs Unit, at (916) 526-8250.